

# ***Working for the people and communities of the 32<sup>nd</sup> District***



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**Representative  
Maralyn Chase**

## **2008 Preview and Citizen Survey**

*Dear Neighbor:*

*On January 14, our legislative session begins. It is an honor to continue serving as your voice in Olympia. I'm writing to tell you about some of my top priorities for the session, which have been developed after listening closely to local citizens.*

*I'm also writing to ask for your help: Please fill out the enclosed Citizen Survey, add a stamp, and return your replies to me ASAP. Your answers will help me be a strong voice for you when key state decisions are made.*

*Let's keep in touch!*

  
Maralyn



## **Special Meeting Announcement**

Please join me for an important "Conversation with the Community" about education funding. We'll meet **December 13**, from **7 to 9 p.m.**, at the Church of the Nazarene – corner of 175th & Meridian in Shoreline.

House education specialist Mary Kenfield will discuss how the state currently funds education. Then we'll have about 1.5 hours for a community conversation on this important issue.

## Helping our Small Businesses

Growing our existing businesses is the best way to create jobs and develop the economy in our communities. Global corporations, financed by investors who do not live in our communities, take our resources and innovations, and move on to greener pastures in search of greater returns on their investments. Historically, in our region, the Hudson Bay Company was a prime example of this. Locally owned and operated businesses continue as the backbone of our economy, working to make our communities sustainable for our families. I was proud to sponsor the first major bill to pass in a very long time that provides real regulatory relief for our small businesses. We need more legislative support of small businesses and I pledge to continue this work.

## Saint Edward State Park on the National Historic Register

Local citizens have worked hard for several years to ensure that the wonderful Saint Edward State Park in Kenmore is passed on to our children in excellent condition. The Park is a 316 acre urban forest with the last remaining natural shoreline on Lake Washington. The beautiful seminary building was recently added to the National Historic Register thanks to the efforts of C4StEd (Citizens for St Ed Park). We were pleased to invite "First Mike" (husband of Governor Gregoire) to the park to present the plaque to proud park supporters from C4StEd. It was a glorious October day, fitting for the occasion.



*"First Mike," Mike Gregoire honors Citizens for Saint Edwards Park. (l-r) Janice Gerrish, Manny Mankowski, First Mike, Mohammad Mostafavinnassab, Ray Benish and Ann Hurst*

## Retiree Pension Plans

Our teachers are entitled to a secure retirement. Last session we had lively debates on teacher pensions and keeping our legislative promise to state employees. I deeply appreciate Rachel Lake presenting me with the Washington State School Retirees' Association **2007 Legislative Excellence Award**. In addition, Luis Muscoso, Political Director for the Washington Public Employees Association, presented me with that organization's **2007 Legislator of the Year** award at their state convention for my work on gain sharing. I strongly believe it is important to keep our bond with our public employees after they retire from decades of service to us and our children.



## Tackling Climate Change in the 32<sup>nd</sup> District

Shoreline CC is becoming the center of an exciting emerging economic cluster in clean technology and renewable energy. Under the leadership of Dean Berta Lloyd, the college is developing a new academic course in solar energy. WSU's Mike Nelson will be leading the



*Zero Energy House*

solar energy program. Students can study alternative energy installations and emerging alternative energy businesses. They can obtain an academic certificate of competence in the field or transfer to WSU or another four-year college for an engineering degree. I am very pleased to support these efforts.

## Condo Conversions

Since 2004, Seattle and the five county area (especially King and Snohomish counties) have seen record levels of apartments converting to condos – a total of 15,830 units as of September 2007. These levels of conversion are unprecedented and have forced thousands of longtime residents, especially seniors and low income people, from their homes. I will continue to work to pass a strong bill to reestablish the right of cities to control the loss of rental housing due to condominium conversions.



## Fircrest: A "30 Year Thank You" Plan

The City of Shoreline, state agencies, stakeholders and many members of the community are working on plans for the Fircrest property so that for the next 30 years there will be affordable housing and services worthy of this **Center of Excellence**. The school is operating at almost full capacity and families are pleased to find that for their loved ones, it is the least restrictive setting. The old unused buildings have been cleared away and it is beautiful.

## Legislative Shorts...



### Health care premiums

are increasing far beyond what is needed to sustain the insurance company reserves required by law: The law requires sufficient reserves to ensure solvency but not \$1.5 billion in excess surplus. My bill, HB 1203 will put an end to this price gouging.



### Cancer-causing chemicals in our cosmetics and baby bath products:

We all have a right to live with product security – to have safe

products and safe toys and safe chemicals. HB 2166 is a start. I am working on Green Chemistry and Product Safety with the Environmental Health Committee.



### Plastic bottles and packaging:

Toxic plastics are accumulating in our homes, schools, work environment and the oceans. There is a mass of garbage, plastic bottles and packaging, twice the size of Texas, swirling in the Pacific Ocean. In our hearts and minds we know this is not good for future generations. We must learn to limit our use of plastic, get rid of plastics with #3 or #7 on the bottom and not buy any more.



## 32<sup>nd</sup> District Citizen Survey

*Please help me represent you effectively by answering the following questions. Your answers will help me focus my priorities as your Representative. Be assured that your answers will be kept confidential. I respect your privacy.*

### Economic Security

Do you have enough money to pay for basic necessities such as food, clothing and shelter, health care? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your #1 concern (please check one):

- ☐ Making ends meet
- ☐ Employment and income security
- ☐ Financial planning
- ☐ Adequacy of retirement income
- ☐ Credit card debt
- ☐ Health insurance costs

### Food Security

Can you afford enough to eat? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you worry about having sufficient money to buy food? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you worry about the safety of your food? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Housing Security

Are you being taxed out of your home? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you worry about condo conversion? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you very concerned about property taxes? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you very concerned about utility costs? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Health Security

Do you have health insurance? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is medical care easily available for you? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Consumer Safety

Are you concerned about product safety? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you worry about dangerous chemicals in toys, cosmetics and food?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

### Transportation

How do you get where you are going? (please check any that apply)

- ☐ Public transportation
- ☐ Roads
- ☐ Trains
- ☐ Bikes/bike paths

Do you have automobile insurance? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have any creative ideas for solving transportation problems?

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**Recreation**

Do you have enough recreation opportunities in our community?   Yes ☐   No ☐  
Do you use our parks?   Yes ☐   No ☐

What would you like to see?

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**Environment**

Are you concerned about global warming?   Yes ☐   No ☐  
Are you personally working to reduce the amount of carbon you use?   Yes ☐   No ☐  
Are you concerned about the health of our Puget Sound waters?   Yes ☐   No ☐

**Quality of Life**

Are you personally gaining or losing ground?  
☐ Gaining                      ☐ Losing ground

**Educating our children**

How do you think we are doing?  
☐ Poor    ☐ Average    ☐ Good    ☐ Very Good

**Economic Development:**

Are we doing enough to help develop our economy?  
Yes ☐   No ☐

**Senior Living**

Are we treating our elders with the respect they deserve from our community?   Yes ☐   No ☐

**Vulnerable Citizens**

Do you think we do a good job of taking care of vulnerable citizens?   Yes ☐   No ☐

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